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SUBJECT: NPG - 28 MARCH STAFF GROUP MEETING

REF: (A) USNATO 1410; (B) USNATO 1469; (C) USNATO 1538

BEGIN SUMMARY: NPG STAFF GROUP (SG) AT ITS 28 MARCH MEETING AGREED TO CIRCULATION OF DRAFT PERM REP REPORT ON SHAPE DEMONSTRATIVE USE ILLUSTRATIVE STUDY AND CONTINUED ITS DISCUSSION OF DRAFT PERM REP REPORT ON WINTEX-73. SG WILL CONTINUE WORK ON WINTEX-73 AT MEETING ON 29 MARCH. END SUMMARY.

1. SG AGREED TO CIRCULATION OF NPG(STAFF GROUP) WP(73)4 AS MODIFIED AT EARLIER SG MEETINGS (REFS. (A) AND (B)) AS NPG WORKING PAPER WHIC WILL BE CONSIDERED BY PERM REPS AT THEIR 16 APRIL MEETING. THREE EDITORIAL CHANGES MADE AT

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28 MARCH SG MEETING WILL ALSO BE IN PAPER WHEN CIRCULATED. SG CHAIRMAN (SEIM) REPORTED THAT COVERING MEMO FROM SYG WILL NOTE THAT, THE PAPER WOULD ONLY BE USED IF A DECISION IS MADE BY THE PERM REPS TO PLACE THE SHAPE DEMONSTRATIVE USE ILLUSTRATIVE STUDY ON THE ANKARA AGENDA. SEIM ALSO NOTED THAT THE SYG HAD WRITTEN TO CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE REQUESTING HIM TO ASK SACEUR TO PREPARE A PRESENTATION ON THE STUDY FOR USE AT THE ANKARA MEETING IN THE EVENT THE STUDY IS ON THE AGENDA.

2. CANADIAN REP (CDR. BECKETT), RECALLING THE SHAPE REP' S STATEMENT AT THE LAST MEETING ON SHAPE' S DIFFICULTY IN PREPARING A PRESENTATION (REF. (C)), NOTED THAT THE PRESENTATION NEED NOT BE ELABORATE AND THAT A VERBAL PRESENTATION BY SACEUR HIMSELF WOULD BE SUFFICIENT. HE ALSO STRONGLY ARGUED AGAINST PLACING THE BATTLEFIELD USE ILLUSTRATIVE STUDY ON THE MINISTERIAL AGENDA FOR A SECOND TIME. UK REP (JONES) CAUTIONED AGAINST DROPPING THE DEMONSTRATIVE USE ILLUSTRATIVE STUDY FROM THE AGENDA. HE EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION FROM SACEUR ON THE AGENDA WHICH WOULD PROMOTE THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES.

3. SG CONTINUED ITS DISCUSSION OF THE NUCLEAR CONSULTATION ASPECTS OF WINTEX-73 (NPG(STAFF GROUP) WP(73)6 REVISED-- POUCHED ISA AND STATE). DISCUSSION CONTINUES AT 29 MARCH MEETING.
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